

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE**

TRANSFER/PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY



RESTRICTED TO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYEES

**Psychiatric Social Worker II
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)
Partners in Suicide Prevention**

The Adult System of Care (ASOC) is seeking interested candidates to provide lead responsibility Countywide for the identification, development and implementation of appropriate Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) service strategies and programs for the adult population (ages 26-59), specifically targeting suicide prevention in each of the eight Service Areas. Candidates are required to have knowledge and expertise to assist directly operated and DMH contracted providers, as well as community agencies with detecting early signs of depression and suicidal tendencies; serve as the Department's community liaison to increase public awareness; and identify age appropriate treatment modalities. Work activities will focus primarily on providing information, education and training.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

- Provide education, information, consultation and training to directly operated, contract providers, and community agencies on risk and protective factors related to suicide prevention
- Provide evidenced based and promising practice treatment trainings on suicide prevention and intervention such as Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) and Question Persuade Refer (QPR)
- Promote public awareness on early detection and intervention
- Identify natural community partners and link to DMH network of providers
- Identify cultural barriers to suicide prevention and integrate culturally sensitive practices into suicide prevention and early intervention programs
- Work with community agencies to reduce stigma associated with mental illness, substance abuse and suicide
- Build alliances with community agencies to expand resource capacity especially with Veterans Affairs and under-represented ethnic minority groups
- Assist providers with integrating suicide prevention programs within their continuum of care

- Develops and maintains effective intra- and inter-public relations with all relevant stakeholders to enhance system-wide communication, collaboration, and coordination of care for adults.
- Remains up-to-date with clinical research on suicide prevention with adults, as well as relevant legislative and regulatory requirements, including the MHSA, that may impact the system-wide delivery or reimbursement for adult PEI services.
- Support PEI team on other projects as needed, including all PEI Early Start programs, and represent PEI team members at meetings.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and have experience supervising MSW interns.
- Clinical experience working with adult consumers and families and interest in suicide prevention efforts.
- Experience providing training and consultation, preferably certified in evidence-based practices such as ASIST and QPR.
- Possession of excellent and demonstrated communication skills, both verbally and in written form.
- Possession of excellent organizational and interpersonal skills as well as be self-directed, energetic, and committed.
- Experience in data collection and analysis and have the ability to produce reports from data and make recommendations based on the analysis.
- Ability to establish, implement and achieve both local program and Department-wide goals and objectives.
- Ability and willingness to travel throughout Los Angeles County in the course of performing the duties of this position.
- Computer skills, including sound experience utilizing MS Office programs such as Power Point, Excel and Word.

Interested individuals who currently holding the title of Psychiatric Social Worker II are encouraged to send a detailed resume and letter of interest as well as last two (2) Performance Evaluations and last two years of master time records (if are a current DMH Employee) **no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, September 23, 2011 to:**

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